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NO SMALLPOX.

The sensation sprung upon the Medical society on Monday night, has caused a conflict of opinion among the doctors in this city and will make much discussion throughout the State. It will demonstrate one thing if not more; that the faultiness of the medical fraternity.

Of course this is admitted by the most thoughtful, learned and experienced among them, but the dogmatism, assumption and impatience of dissent exhibited by the tykes of the profession, indicate that they are imbued with the notion that their dicta must never be questioned. This self-importance sometimes becomes insufferable. It received a severe rebuke in the admirable paper of Dr. Mayo on the smallpox question.

When the Deseret News, during the agitation over compulsory vaccination and the absurd exclusion of healthy and unexposed children from the public schools, voiced the general sentiment, and also the common doubt as to the actual prevalence of the disease, it was denounced and buried by some of the doctors who had never seen a case of smallpox except it was pointed out by an official whose ipsa dictu was accepted as final. But Dr. Mayo's well directed and thorough exposition before the Medical society, bears out the opinions of many unprofessionals people who have had experience with smallpox in its different stages, and vindicates the position taken by the Deseret News.

This paper did not at any time assert positively, in face of the decisions of the doctors, that there was not any smallpox in the city, but it did contrast the symptoms of the eruption which afflicted the patients who were quarantined, with those of the genuine disease as witnessed in several epidemics. Those essential indications of the disorder were lacking in the cases here, and the very mention of this fact set some of our local physicians wild, so much so that the wish was expressed that the articles of this paper could be smitten with the disease in its most virulent form.

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The Salt Lake Herald seized upon a single paragraph of the article and makes a painful endeavor to distort its meaning, for what purpose it is not easy to perceive. This is what it quotes from the "News":

"The Manila dispatches call attention to the fact that the past week was one of great losses to the Filipino brigandage. It seems the Americans rendered incapable of further depredations no less than 1,600 of that class, while their losses were only nine killed and sixteen wounded."

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Much is hoped for as a result of the "eccumenical" conference of missionaries now in session in New York. The missions of the various denominations have not prospered to any large extent during the past ten years, and it is supposed that the gathering of people interested in the cause, from all parts of the world, will rekindle the missionary zeal and swell the receipts to more encouraging figures.

It is also proposed to show, by this gathering, the importance of missionary work. It is pointed out that at the beginning of this century only 100,000 people spoke the English language, and that the number now is 150,000,000. This, it is claimed, is due to a great extent to the work of mission societies. Missionaries have created and rehabilitated literatures, and they have been the pioneers of commerce all over the world. They have created wants which could only be satisfied by inventors, producers, builders, and they have laid out the paths for railroads and telegraph lines.

The old arm-to-arm vaccination spread frightfully many virus diseases. It was the mode not many years ago, and those who opposed it were decried as heretics by the medical profession as violently as dissenters from the present method are abased today. Blood-testing in every case of congestion is now repudiated by the medical fraternity as an absurdity, but it was the very essence of their orthodoxy within the memory of not very aged persons. Cupping was another of the now discarded relics of the antique art which once figured as an essential.

The casting aside of these and other exploded errors is a sign of progress. It is commendable. It shows that the medical profession advances with the development of science. It deserves credit for its researches and improvements. But the fact of its past mistakes should render its members tolerant and ready to investigate, and not to be too dogmatic and reliant upon the letter of the decisions of the schools.

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